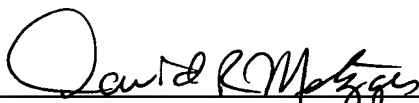


bracketing and underlining necessary to editorially amend claims 1-4 and 6-10 in order to conform to United States patent practice would have been excessive and burdensome. The cancellation of claims 1-4 and 6-10 is therefore not intended to be a surrender of any of the subject matter of those claims. Claim 5 has been canceled under this Amendment.

Early examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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